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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the above-mentioned PCT application, please accept the enclosed application under the national stage pursuant to 35 USC § 371 and amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please replace claims 1-27 of the application with claims 1-27 as follows:

1. An electrical connector comprising a multiplicity of contact elements, with the electrical connector containing one or more connector modules, each thereof comprising at least one contact support and a multiplicity of contact elements connected to the contact support and extending along the surface thereof, the contact supports and the contact elements being supported by the same are connected to each other in non-releasable manner.

2. An electrical connector according to claim 1, wherein the contact elements are constituted by metal strips.